

To: Wintersteen, Jennifer[Wintersteen.Jennifer@epa.gov]
From: Brown, Randy
Sent: Fri 8/14/2015 12:08:17 AM
Subject: RE: Durango

Thanks, if I live to tell the story...

From: Wintersteen, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:21 PM
To: Brown, Randy
Subject: Re: Durango

Wow! Thanks for being part of the Regional Response Corps. Take pics! You can give a talk at the CWA106 meeting next March. :)

From: Brown, Randy
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:13 AM
To: Wintersteen, Jennifer; Spence, Sandra
Subject: RE: WQS Tribal Consultation

Hi Jennifer, I am in Durango as part of the Gold King Mine Blowout Incident Command System but checking email periodically. I definitely support getting the message out as early as possible.

From: Wintersteen, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:59 AM
To: Spence, Sandra
Cc: Brown, Randy
Subject: Re: WQS Tribal Consultation

I think it might be good to send an electronic version of the letter this week. They'll be hearing about it in the news such as Indian Country Today, etc. We could copy the Env. Directors as well. We could say we're setting up a call for the first week of September for our Region (provide a date/time?).

Randy, what do you think?

From: Spence, Sandra
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:32 AM
To: Wintersteen, Jennifer
Subject: RE: WQS Tribal Consultation

So glad you are going to the meeting. If you check in with the other regions, let me know what you hear. During the WQS call, folks from other regions indicated they would like to send the letter to the tribes this week electronically to get out in front of the snail-mail copy. Do you think that it would be a good idea to send all the tribes a copy of the letter via email with a short explanation prior to them receiving it "cold" in the mail from HQ? Anyway, just let me know and I can chat with Alfreda if you like. Also, I could draft up an email to send.

Thanks

From: Wintersteen, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:02 AM
To: Spence, Sandra
Cc: Laidlaw, Tina; Brown, Randy
Subject: Re: WQS Tribal Consultation

Hi. Peter Monahan, Greg Phillips, and I are going to the Tribal Lands and Env. Forum next week in MSP. I'll talk to other TPMs and Regions about what they're doing with this Consultation Regionally. Perhaps we should set up a call the first week of Sept. for WQ staff and EDs about this and the TAS reinterpretation proposed Federal Register Notice.

From: Spence, Sandra

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 5:21 PM
To: Wintersteen, Jennifer
Subject: RE: WQS Tribal Consultation

That would be good. I'll check into it. However, the letters are going out to the tribes this week and the topic will be discussed next week a national tribal meeting. So, we may want to contact our tribes soon.

From: Wintersteen, Jennifer
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 3:46 PM
To: Laidlaw, Tina; Spence, Sandra
Subject: WQS Tribal Consultation

And maybe Lucita Chin or Kim Varilek to cover the legal TAS reinterpretation (MT test explanation) outreach as well ...

Jennifer

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From: Laidlaw, Tina
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 3:44 PM
To: Spence, Sandra
Cc: Wintersteen, Jennifer
Subject: RE: FYI - Baseline WQS Tribal Consultation Letter - HOT TOPIC

Sandie,

What about seeing if George could attend the upcoming RTOC meeting (October) scheduled for Minot ND? That would be a good way to get the word out to a larger audience. Passing along the suggestion from Jennifer.

Tina

From: Spence, Sandra

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 3:39 PM

To: Garcia, Bert; Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra; Card, Joan; Mitre, Alfreda; Varilek, Kimberly; Brown, Randy; Wintersteen, Jennifer

Cc: Laidlaw, Tina; Johnson, Tom; Bloom, Judy

Subject: FW: FYI - Baseline WQS Tribal Consultation Letter - HOT TOPIC

HOT TOPIC:

Please see the email and attached consultation letter that is being sent from HQ to all tribes. I will be in contact with TAP to discuss notifying the R8 tribes that this letter is on its way.

Thanks,

Sandie

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From: Anderson, Danielle

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 2:52 PM

To: OW-OST-WQS-Coordinators; OW-OST-WQS-Brchiefs; Delehanty, Robyn; Varilek, Kimberly; Hudiburgh, Gary; Wilson, Stephanie; Angeles, Danielle; Wester, Barbara; Matsumoto, Kimi; Furtak, Sarah; Jackson, Wayne; McCoy, Melinda; Curtis, Glenn; Shields, Amy; DeLashmit, John; Mayo, Kathleen; Pfeifer, David; Zimmerman, Eve; Hashimoto, Janet; Mayo, Lydia; Fleisig, Erica; Aguirre, Janita; Snyder, Shannon; Bridge, Jennie; Crocker, Philip; Saucerman, Suesan; Laidlaw, Tina; Macchio, Lisa; Cornelious, Anna; Anson, Robie; Kloeckner, Jane; Chung, Angela; Poleck, Thomas; Woods, Philip; MacKnight, Evelyn; Jackson, Peter W.; Beringer, Mike; Anderson, Kate; Nelson, Russell; Maurano, Stephen; Szelag, Matthew; Angelo, Robert; Collins, Kathleen; Brumm, Peter; Sengco, Mario; Lavaty, Ann; Labiosa, Rochelle; Evans, Diane; Tritt, Maja; Reyna, John; Wojtenko, Izabela; Traviglia, Andrea; Roser, Sara; Godfrey, Annie; Fabiano, Claudia; Wirick, Holiday; Bone, Tracy; Gildea, Jason; Petter, Lauren; John, Forrest; Gardner, Thomas; EPA RICS; Gockel, Catherine; Ebbert, Laura; R8 ORC; Holst, Linda; Fleming, Terrence; Mitchell, Matthew; Parrish, George; Jonathan, Grant; Williamson, Timothy; Williams, Ann; Weitzler, Ellen; Abele, Ralph; Welker, Gary; Mazur, Barbara; Logan, Paul; Kracher, Christina; Vincent, Angela; Harmon, Darrel; Stover, Michael; Harper, Cecelia; Gordon, Lisa Perras; Gee, Randy; Saldenha, Jasmine; Spence, Sandra; Hakowski, Denise; Joffe, Brian; Tervelt, Larinda; Bathersfield, Nizanna; Basile, Alfred; Evangelista, Pat; Martin, Amy; Klaber, Nica; Havard, James; Brown, Randy; Wintersteen, Jennifer; Thomas, Sally; Louis, Gail; Johnson, AudreyL

Cc: Wright, Felicia; Koslow, Karin; Baca, Andrew; Besougloff, Jeff; Byrne, Andrew; Siegal, Tod; Ford, Peter; Hisel-Mccoy, Sara; Washington, Evelyn; Keating, Jim; Buffo, Corey

Subject: FYI - Baseline WQS Tribal Consultation Letter

Greetings,

We'd like to use this opportunity to notify you that EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian tribes to consider a potential rulemaking that would establish baseline water quality standards (WQS) under the Clean Water Act (CWA) for waters on Indian reservations that currently do not have EPA-approved WQS in place to protect water quality. Our goal is to address the existing gaps in CWA protection of reservation waters where there are no existing EPA-approved WQS.

Standards would establish baseline human health and environmental goals as the basis for the CWA protection. This potential rulemaking effort adds to a growing list of initiatives the EPA is undertaking that recognize the importance of tribal waters, tribal sovereignty, and the need to better protect the water resources that tribes rely on.

Ken Kopocis, the Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, signed a consultation letter on August 11th to initiate outreach on this effort (please refer to the attached). Hardcopies of the letter are being mailed to federally recognized tribal leaders (excluding Alaska Native Villages as this potential rule will only impact federally recognized tribes with Indian reservations) this week, ahead of the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum scheduled to take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota August 17th-20th (<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/conference/>). EPA will make mention of this consultation letter during that Forum.

The consultation letter provides an overview of this potential rulemaking effort, solicits input from tribes on a variety of questions, and outlines the dates and venues for consultation. The consultation and coordination period spans from August 11th to November 6th. A copy of this consultation letter will also be available by the end of this week on the Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS), located at: <http://tcots.epa.gov/oita/TConsultation.nsf/TC?OpenView>.

Please feel free to forward this email to your regional colleagues and managers, in addition to your tribal contacts.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at anderson.danielle@epa.gov, 202-564-1631.

Thanks very much,

Danielle

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